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January 25, 1989

WASHINGTON--Rep E (Kika) de la Garza announced today from his Washington office that he will oppose the proposed pay increase for public employees and Members of Congress.

It was the Commission on Executive, Legislative and Judicial Salaries (comprised of past and present senior government leaders) which had recommended to President Reagan that salary levels be increased for high-level federal government officials and Members of Congress.

Rep de la Garza said "We appreciate the time and effort devoted by the Commission and the dedication and good will of its members."

The Commission recommendation was approved by President Reagan and subsequently sent to Congress for its disposition.

Congressman de la Garza said "I extend my sincere appreciation to President Reagan for recommending the full amount suggested by the Commission. We take this as our former Chief Executive's confidence and trust in our work as Members of the Legislative branch of government, but for a number of reasons I feel at this particular time such a level of salary would be inappropriate. I therefore plan to vote against this increase."

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